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Ms Lisa Jackson, Administrator  
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Washington, DC 20460

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5582 Vrooman Road  
Leroy Twp., Ohio 44077

April 14, 2009

Dear Ms Jackson:

We are writing to notify you of the pending danger, even possible loss of several endangered species that currently live under the Vrooman Road bridge in Leroy Twp in Lake County Ohio.

A high level bridge is being proposed to cross the Grand River. This project is called LAK Vrooman Road Bridge Project PID 5669.

Currently under the bridge, built in the 1950's, there are known colonies of 4-toed salamanders, Fresh water mussels, River Redhorse fish, and spotted turtles.

It has been estimated that the truck traffic using this bridge will be 10% of our current 5,200+ car traffic that currently uses this road daily. The salt run off and environmental effects from the construction of this bridge and the truck travel could wipe out these creatures. Only one mile down the river there is already a high level bridge that carries hundreds of trucks daily. One can only imagine the damage that will occur to the Grand River when the pollution doubles.

The Vrooman Road residents urge you to contact ODOT District 12 with your opposition to this harmful project that has been proposed for this location.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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